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TOPIC Hungarian Troops and Military Installations in M^ode^zo^vasarhely, Szentes, Kiskunfelegyhaza and Szeged

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1. In late January 1951, [REDACTED] that the former "Kilos Horthy Barracks in M^ode^zo^vasarhely (Y 7/T 39) quartered a Hungarian infantry unit of more than 1,000 troops. The installation was located on the south side of Szeged Street, south of the M^ode^zo^vasarhely-N^opekert railroad station and west of a race track. Several civilian apartments and stables in the town were requisitioned for military purposes in the fall of 1950. However, no new troops units arrived prior to the end of January 1951.
2. In January 1951, a new barracks installation of one large five-story building and several auxiliary buildings was nearly completed in the area north-east of Szentes (Y 7/O 32) railroad station, on the south side of the road leading to Szarvas (Y 7/O 54). The installation was surrounded by a wire fence and under military guard. Artillery pieces of large and small caliber were seen from a distance at the former Hussar Barracks on the north-eastern side of the road to Csengrad (Y 7/O 22). *
3. In late January 1951, a new barracks installation of four four-story buildings and several auxiliary buildings was under construction on the west side of the railroad line leading to Szeged (Y 7/T 17), about two km south of Kiskunfelegyhaza (Y 7/O 13). Some barracks buildings were already occupied by troops. **
4. The construction of a barracks installation on the northwestern edge of Szeged, in the city sector of Oethalom southwest of the highway to Budapest, was completed in the fall of 1950. According to local residents, the installation allegedly quartered an AVH (state security) regiment. Some soldiers of the unit had previously served with border guard units along the northwestern and western border of Hungary. Most of them had refused to sign up for service with the AVH, but had nevertheless been inducted into the AVH unit in Szeged a few weeks following their discharge from border guard service. Informants who were serving with the AVH unit stated that in January 1951 only 10 to 15 percent of the personnel were volunteers and that the others were trained soldiers and recruits who had been conscripted in the fall of 1950 at an about equal ratio. A local resident stated that a high-echelon AVH headquarters was located in the Tisza Hotel on Szechenyi Square.

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25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. The Cavalry Barracks was reported to have quartered about 500 troops with yellow service colors, who were previously mistaken for cavalry troops, in the summer of 1950. See [REDACTED] However, information by recruits inducted in Szentes in October 1950 revealed that the installation quartered a signal unit.

[REDACTED] Comment. An old barracks installation in Kiskunfelegyhaza was reported to have been occupied by civilians in September 1948.

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